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RFTOP No.: 663-P-08-014 – Amendment No. 1

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The purpose of this Amendment 1 is: (a) to answer questions received, (b) extend the due date for receiving proposals to May 29, 2008 at 8:00 A.M. Addis Ababa time, and (c) provide the ESHE Mid Term Evaluation – (see Attachment).

Answers to questions on Request for Task Order Proposal No. 663-P-08-014

1. The RFTOP mentions assisting the government with both social and community-based health insurance schemes. However, the proposal emphasizes in its illustrative activities under d3 (p.8 on RFTOP) community-based health insurance only. Does the mission have any further guidance or expectations related to social insurance?

Response: Please refer to Section C: *Targeted Beneficiaries and Geographic Areas* – Major Activity #4 includes information related to social health insurance. Also, please refer to Section D: *Tasks and Indicators*, more specifically section D3: *Improved Access to Health Insurance Schemes in Ethiopia*.

2. Can USAID comment on their expectations around coordination with other donor efforts or policies related to national health insurance schemes?

Response: As other donors demonstrate interest, Offerors are expected to coordinate efforts with these partners. Historically, USAID has been the primary support to health care financing reform in Ethiopia.

3. Can USAID comment on any other operations research efforts that are generating data or research priorities for health sector financing in Ethiopia?

Response: USAID has supported research on national health accounts. Detailed information can be found on the MOH website at www.moh.gov.et.

4. Please advise if any evaluations are available on previous USAID/Ethiopia-funded work in this area.

Response: There is some data available from the USAID ESHE Mid-term evaluation. The document is attached.

5. Can USAID provide guidance on staffing?

Response: Please refer to the Technical Evaluation Criteria, more specifically, Section 2: Personnel.

6. Does USAID require any specific structure for this proposed budget?

Response No. But the Cost Proposal shall provide at a minimum what is identified into the RFTOP Cover Letter, and the format shall be Excell, with accessible formulas for detailed breakdowns, and narratives.

7. 4 Point 4.a. of the solicitation letter requests that offeror provide “fixed daily rate, number of workdays, and total estimated cost for each individual who will perform directly under the task order” in the cost proposal. The master TASC3 IQC contract states that task orders will be either cost-plus-fixed fee or firm fixed price. Could USAID please confirm the contract to be awarded will be CPFF only? And as such fixed daily rates and workdays ordered are not applicable?

Response: The Task Order resulting from this solicitation will be CPFF and the cost proposal, as stated in the RFTOP cover letter shall provide USAID with signed bio-datas for each proposed personnel (LTTAs or STTAs), with proposed daily rate and proposed number of workdays (i.e. percentage of time spent on this project for LTТА and estimated number of days for proposed consultants, if any).

